



JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR ALLOWING AWARD OF CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITION

(Section A must be completed by the User Department and then submitted to the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance)

SECTION A

Department: Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness (Vendor: Gold Standard Diagnostics).

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Description of Supplies/Services: Diagnostics technologies such as EIA, chemiluminescence and multiplexing such as Syphilis and QuantiFERON which is blood test that is used to diagnose Tuberculosis (primarily latent or inactive tuberculosis).

Demonstration of Contractor's Unique Qualifications:

The category for the basis of award of a contract without competition is single/sole source provider.

As of the date Gold Standard Diagnostics Inc is the only manufacturer of record and sole U.S. supplier of the ThunderBolt® EIA Automated Platform (Catalog # 00300).

The GSD Thunderbolt elisa platform and its operating software have a validated application to automated both the Qiagen QunatiFERON Gold elisa test kit (QFG TB assay) and the GSD TrepSure Syphilis elisa assay.

And as required by Fulton County Laboratory the instrument has been demonstrated by Gold Standard Diagnostics at the Laboratory Facility.

The Thunderbolt by (GSD) is a walk-away processor of any EIA or Chemiluminescence assay. The ThunderBolt platform will provide laboratory customers with a single hardware solution that can utilize multiple diagnostics technologies such as EIA, chemiluminescence and multiplexing. The inaugural product of the ThunderBolt platform is an EIA (enzyme immunoassay) processor, with a completely open software design capable of programming virtually any EIA test. EIA tests are widely used to detect and quantify substances such as peptides, proteins, antibodies and hormones, and to diagnose diseases and conditions including infections, cancer, metabolic disorders, allergies and autoimmune diseases.

In a single, easily configured run, the flexible ThunderBolt EIA processor can process multiple microtiter plates, while also running up to eight different simultaneous assays. With an onboard reader, the fully automated EIA processor offers a true "walkaway" solution.

(Section B must be completed by the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance)

SECTION B

MARKET SURVEY

Results of Market Survey

Date Public Notice posted on website: 08/13/14

Date Public Notice closed: 08/20/14

REVIEW OF OFFER(S)

Were any offers received (Y/N):

Number of offers received:

Respondents:

Date Offers submitted to User Department for review:

User Department review and recommendation:

Purchasing Agent review and recommendation: Include whether a competitive process is being recommended & estimated date of solicitation.

CERTIFICATION

Having conducted a good faith review of source availability regarding the materials, goods and or services stipulated herein, subsequent to consultation with the County Manager and the recommendation of the User Department, it has been determined that there is only one source available for the required work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials, or equipment to be furnished, per the Fulton County Code of Ordinances §102-384, Award without competition.

I, Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Interim Purchasing Director, certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification and its supporting documentation which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

Felicia Strong-Whitaker
Interim Purchasing Director

Date

I, Dwight Ferrell, County Manager, certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification and its supporting documentation which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

Dwight Ferrell
County Manager

Date